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College graduation is just around the corner. For a senior student like me,

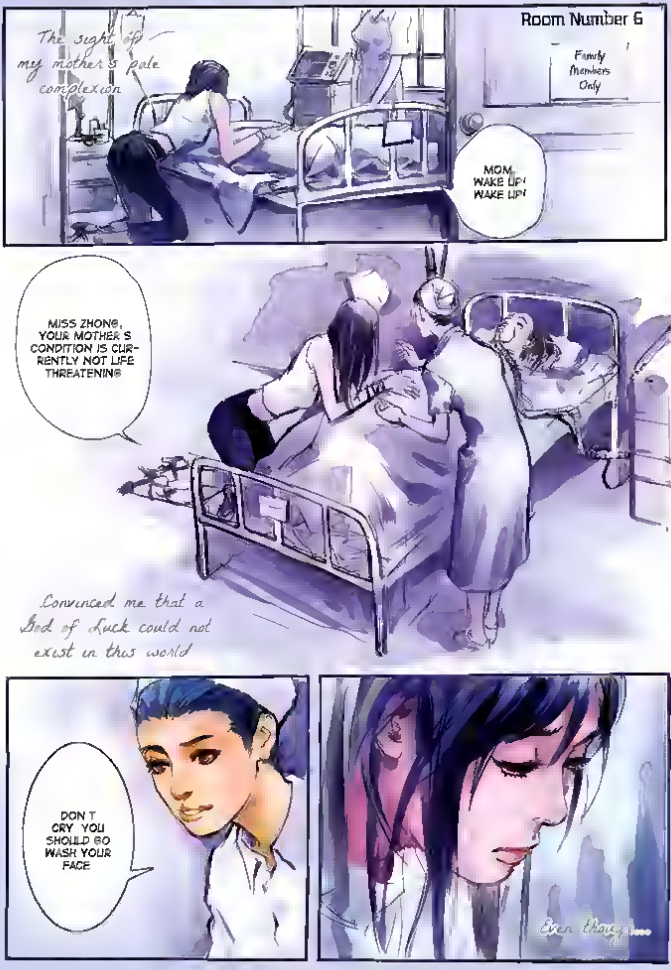
It's something to look forward to. With the sun shining brightly, I anticipate a bright future ahead of me.

Chapter One
Chance Encounter

Or at least, that's what I thought
ZHONG XIAOYIN! ZHONG XIAOYIN!
HUH IS SOMEONE CALLING ME?
HERE'S YOUR MAIL IT'S THE RESULTS OF YOUR REGISTRATION TAKE A LOOK
AH!
Registration Notification International Company
I'm hired! Awesome!

Back then, I felt like
I had my life under control
since I was always blessed
by the God of Luck
HONK
There, passing me
gently under the
was my once-in-a-
chance

MOM I GOT A JOB AT THE INTERNATIONAL COMPANY!
Huh?
SILENCE
MOM ARE YOU HOME?
Xiaoyin, this is Reiyu Your mom is in the hospital come quickly!
...
Registration Notification International Company
DROP
Thinking back, that was the turning point of my life.


The sight of my mother's pale complexion
Room Number 6
Family Members Only
MOM, WAKE UP! WAKE UP!
MISS ZHONG, YOUR MOTHER'S CONDITION IS CURRENTLY NOT LIFE THREATENING
Convinced me that a God of Luck could not exist in this world
DON'T CRY YOU SHOULD GO WASH YOUR FACE

Ding!
Lan Dong Cheng
OWWW!

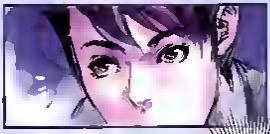
But in such a vast world, why did he notice a weak girl like me?
BOOM
AH.
It was while I believed that, that without warning, the story between the two of us began

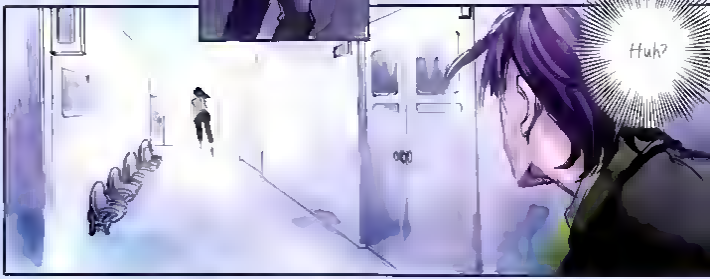
Restroom
...
EXCUSE ME?
YOU DROPPED SOME-THING
WAIT MISS

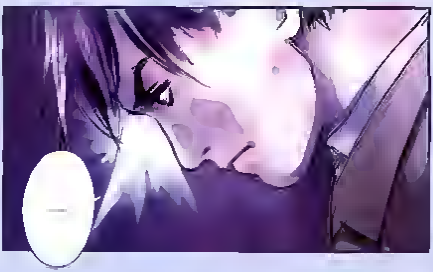
WHAT DID I DROP?
YOUR FOOTPRINT AND AN APOLOGY...
WHAT? IS IT MY FAULT THAT YOU STEPPED ON ME?
I'M SORRY, OK?! NOW LET GO OF ME!
NO, YOU DROPPED BOTH AN APOLOGY AND A FOOTPRINT!

YOU WANT ME TO WIPE YOUR SHOE?
CAN'T YOU WASH IT OFF WITH WATER YOURSELF? THE RESTROOM IS RIGHT THERE!
HMPH! SERIOUSLY!
THIS IS ALL IT TAKES
Wipe
YOU

IS IT THAT DIFFI CULT?




Huh?



MOM, ARE YOU AWAKE?
XIAOYIN..
MOM, YOU'RE AWAKE! I WAS SO WORRIED!
DON'T CRY XIAOYIN! I M FINE. BUT I COULDN'T MAKE DINNER FOR YOU TONIGHT
MOM.
MISS COULD YOU PLEASE COME WITH ME FOR A MOMENT?
I'LL BE BACK MOM

THIS SITUATION IS RARE
YES WE'RE AT A LOSS!
DOCTOR... WHAT KIND OF ILLNESS DOES MY MOM HAVE?
MISS ZHONG, DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER RELATIVES?
NO. I GREW UP WITHOUT A DAD
YOUR MOM'S CONDITION IS QUITE UNIQUE SO WE CAN'T TREAT HER RIGHT NOW
WHY?! DOCTOR SAVE MY MOM! I'M BEGGING YOU!
PLEASE CALM DOWN ACTUALLY IT'S NOT LIKE WE CAN'T TREAT HER ILLNESS. IT'S JUST—
IT'S JUST WHAT?! PLEASE TELL ME!
TO TREAT HER ILLNESS, WE HAVE TO USE TECHNOLOGY THAT HASN'T BEEN TESTED YET
SO, WE HAVE TO GET PERMISSION FROM THE DIRECTOR FIRST
DIRECTOR...?

I need to find the Director!
If the Director agrees then my mom can be cured !
Director's Office
DIRECTOR LAN!
SORRY, PLEASE GET OUT OF THE WAY!
Bump
DIRECTOR! WHERE'S THE DIRECTOR?! IT'S AN EMERGENCY!
It's her...

DIRECTOR, PLEASE WAIT! I HAVE SOMETHING URGENT TO SPEAK TO YOU ABOUT!
I KNOW THIS WOMAN YOU GUYS CAN GO IN FIRST. I NEED TO HAVE A LITTLE CHAT WITH HER
IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS! MOVE ASIDE!
AREN'T YOU LOOKING FOR THE DIRECTOR? THAT'S ME. WHAT DO YOU NEED TO TALK ABOUT?
YOU'RE THE DIRECTOR?
DO YOU THINK I'M AN IDIOT?! YOU'RE OBVIOUSLY SOME KIND OF LACKEY! NOW LET GO!
OH? I HAVEN'T HAD ANYONE CALL ME THAT BEFORE

AM I REALLY THAT BAD?
THAT BAD?! YOU'RE NOTHING BUT A LAZY, SHAMELESS PERVERT! YOU'VE BEEN BLINDED BY A LITTLE CASH!
I--
MOVE, YOU JERK!
BRAT!

LET ME PASS!
LET ME REPEAT MYSELF. I AM THE DIRECTOR. YOU CAN TELL ME IF ANYTHING IS WRONG!
MOVE!
SFX: Punch!
Ah!
My God!

That bastard
...
Director's Office
MISS, YOU—
DIREC-TOR, I BEG YOU!
PLEASE SAVE MY MOM!
DIRECTOR LAN, YOUR FACE...
WHERE DID THAT GIRL GO?
HER MOTHER IS SICK IT SEEMS LIKE SHE'S HERE TO ASK YOU FOR SOMETHING
IT'S DEFINITELY SOMETHING ANNOYING ASK ME? HMPH!

DIREC-
TOR
PLEASE SAVE MY MOM
MISS, WE DO HAVE THE EQUIP-MENT,
HOWEVER IT HASN'T BEEN REG-ISTERED FOR USE YET.
YOU'LL HAVE TO ASK THE NEW DIRECTOR FIRST!
THE NEW DIRECTOR? COULD YOU TELL ME WHERE HE IS? I'LL GO ASK RIGHT NOW!
YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT THE NEW DIREC-TOR? GO SEE IF HE'S STILL OUTSIDE THE DOOR
What?!
Hm? Then he really is the Director?!

Click
So he wants me to beg him?
Hmph!
...
XIAOKANG!
DIREC-TOR LAN, WHAT'S THE MATTER?
...
LEAVE!

WHAT DID THE DIRECTOR SAY?
I'M TAKING MY MOM HOME
WHAT ABOUT HER CHECK-UPS?
I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT BAS-TARD IS...
MOM? MOM!
Mom, wake up! Wake up... let's go home

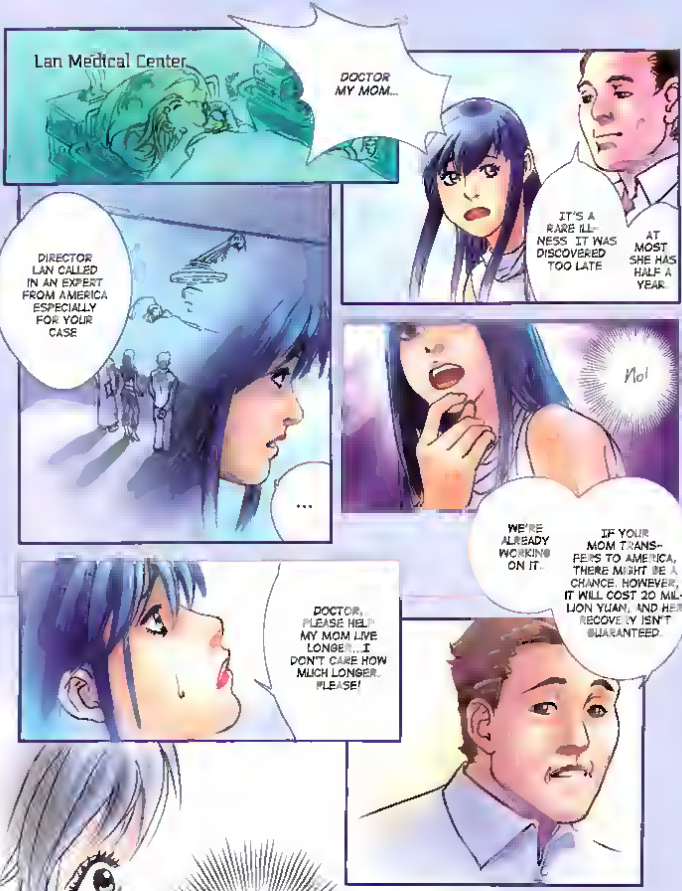
MORNING, DONG CHENG
Jin Wei Wei
YOU'RE HERE
SO WHAT TIME DOES YOUR SISTER'S FLIGHT ARRIVE?
7 PM DO YOU HAVE TIME?
I'VE BEEN BUSY LATELY WE'LL SEE

SFX Vroooom
DIRECTOR LAN, YOU'VE BEEN DATING MISS JIN FOR EIGHT YEARS WHY HAVEN'T YOU MARRIED HER YET?
IS THERE A RULE THAT SAYS I HAVE TO MARRY HER?
DATING SOMEONE IS JUST ANOTHER WAY OF GETTING TO KNOW THE OTHER PERSON
ANYWAY, LET'S NOT TALK ABOUT THIS. WHAT ABOUT THE TASK I GAVE YOU YESTERDAY?
IT'S DONE. THE EXPERT FROM AMERICA WILL ARRIVE TONIGHT
Honk!

Hospital Room
She's gone?! Mom? Mom!
SO YOU'RE AWAKE, MISS ZHONG..
I DIDN'T WAKE YOU UP BECAUSE YOU WERE SLEEPING SO SOUNDLY
THE NEW DIRECTOR ALREADY TOLD SOMEONE TO TAKE YOUR MOTHER—
NEW DIRECTOR?! WHERE IS HE? I WANT TO SEE HIM!

Airport
Huajicheng Road
West Road
HELLO?
DIRECTOR LAN, THE NURSE ON DUTY SAYS THERE'S A GIRL LOOKING FOR YOU.
HMPH. IT HAS TO BE HER. NOW SHE KNOWS TO COME FIND ME.
DIRECTOR LAN, SHE SAYS THE GIRL WANTS TO MEET YOU!
STOP THE CAR
BUT, THE AIR-PORT...
I SAID, STOP THE CAR!
SCREECH!

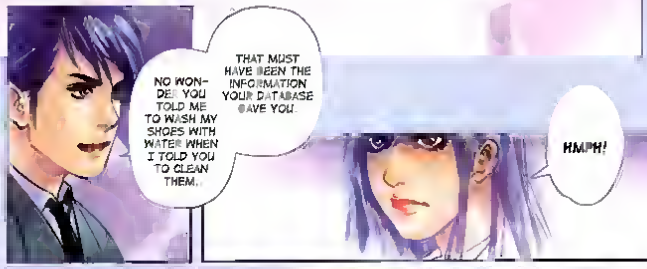
15 minutes later
TAXI
TELL ME! WHERE DID YOU TAKE MY MOM? TELL ME!
ARE YOU ASKING ME?
OR INTERROGATING ME? NO ONE'S EVER DARED SPEAK TO ME IN THAT TONE BEFORE!
FASTARD! WHERE'S MY MOM?
XIAOKANG TAKE HER TO THE MEDICAL CENTER
WHAT ABOUT THE AIRPORT?
IF YOU WANT TO GO, GO YOURSELF!


Lan Medical Center
DOCTOR MY MOM...
IT'S A RARE ILLNESS. IT WAS DISCOVERED TOO LATE
AT MOST SHE HAS HALF A YEAR.
DIRECTOR LAN CALLED IN AN EXPERT FROM AMERICA ESPECIALLY FOR YOUR CASE
...
No!
WE'RE ALREADY WORKING ON IT.
IF YOUR MOM TRANSFERS TO AMERICA, THERE MIGHT BE A CHANCE. HOWEVER, IT WILL COST 20 MILLION YUAN, AND HER RECOVERY ISN'T GUARANTEED.
DOCTOR, PLEASE HELP MY MOM LIVE LONGER... I DON'T CARE HOW MUCH LONGER. PLEASE!
20 million?

WHY ARE YOU HERE? I ONLY HAVE THREE MINUTES. SO MAKE IT QUICK.
WHAT? TOO SCARED TO SAY IT? WHERE'S THE COURAGE YOU HAD WHEN YOU PUNCHED ME?
TO ASK FOR HELP FROM SOMEONE LIKE YOU, I'D RATHER...
RATHER WHAT? RATHER WATCH YOUR MOTHER DIE?
IF THAT'S WHAT YOU REALLY THINK THEN PLEASE LEAVE. I DON'T HAVE TO PUT UP WITH THIS

YOU...
I CAN LEND YOU 20 MILLION BUT THERE'S A CONDITION
FINE I'LL AGREE TO ANY-THING
MISS I'M NOT A GUY THAT TAKES ADVANTAGE OF PEOPLE.
SO I'M NOT GOING TO ASK FOR ANYTHING RI-DICULOUS.
DON'T BE SO UPTIGHT RELAX OK?
MY ONLY CONDITION IS THAT YOU WORK AT MY BAR FOR FOUR YEARS AND SEVEN MONTHS
REALLY? ...THAT'S IT?

ACTUALLY, RIGHT NOW I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU CAN DO. BESIDES ACT CRAZY.
LETTING YOU WORK FOR ME IS TESTING MY LOYALTY TO THE BAR.
DON'T UNDER-ESTIMATE ME. I JUST GRADUATED FROM COLLEGE, WITH A DEGREE IN INFORMATION MANAGEMENT.
I CAN DO ANY-THING.
I'LL WORK HARD TO LEARN ANYTHING I DON'T KNOW, SO PLEASE BELIEVE IN ME.


NO WON-DER YOU TOLD ME TO WASH MY SHOES WITH WATER WHEN I TOLD YOU TO CLEAN THEM...
THAT MUST HAVE BEEN THE INFORMATION YOUR DATABASE GAVE YOU.
HMPH!

AND I THOUGHT YOU HAD SOME ADVICE FOR ME...?
...

You...
THAT'S OVER AND DONE WITH ALREADY, SO GET UP! I DIDN'T ASK YOU TO BEG ON YOUR KNEES
IF YOU WANT TO CLEAN MY SHOES, FORGET IT.
I'M SORRY ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED THAT DAY
HERE, WIPE YOUR FACE
ALSO, I DON'T WANT ANYONE TO LEARN ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED TODAY. PLEASE REMEMBER THAT

So he's called Lan Dongcheng?
XIAOYIN, ANFEI'S GOING TO BRING THE FURNITURE HERE TOMORROW. HE DOESN'T HAVE A KEY, SO DON'T FORGET TO WAIT FOR HIM.
Kur
ALL RIGHT. I'LL WAIT FOR HIM TOMORROW MORNING
THEN I'M LEAVING. SEE YOU!

WELCOME DIRECTOR LAN
GOOD MORNING DIRECTOR LAN
GOOD MORNING
HEY!
KANG-SAN, WHY DIDN'T CHENG-SAN* GO PICK UP MY COUSIN LAST NIGHT?
Mai Le Le
HOW SHOULD I KNOW?

T/N: Referring to Dongcheng. Since she only uses the last character of his name, I try to make the s close to him.

IT'S ALMOST 8 O CLOCK WHY ISN'T ANPEI HERE YET?
Where is he?
I OVER-SLEPT. HEHE! SORRY. DON'T BE ANGRY!
ANPEI! DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT TIME IT IS?! I STILL HAVE TO GO TO WORK!
OUCH!
GO DIE!
Stomp Stomp Stomp
HEY! XIAOYING! XIAOYING!

WHY IS THAT SEAT EMPTY? IS SOMEONE ABSENT?
SORRY!
PANT
PANT
PANT
Zhang Xiaoyin?!

ZHONG XIAOYIN, COME OVER HERE. TAKE A FEW STEPS FORWARD
A few steps forward ? What is he thinking?
YOUR STRIDE ISN'T SHORT
COUNT-ING TILES SHOULDN T TAKE YOU THAT LONG
Counting tiles ?
DURING THE TANG DYNASTY, THERE WAS A YUELING UNIVERSITY GRA-DUATE NAMED LICHENG. EVERY DAY, HE WOULD COME TO COURT ONLY WHEN THE SUN HIT THE FIFTH TILE AFTER SUNRISE
SO EVERY-ONE CALLED HIM THE "FIFTH TILE GRADUATE"

YOU'RE PROBABLY THINKING OF AN EXCUSE RIGHT NOW. WAS IT A TRAFFIC JAM?
STOMACH-ACHE? DID YOU LOSE SOME-THING? OR WAS YOUR CLOCK SET TO THE WRONG TIME?
WHY AREN'T YOU SAYING ANYTHING? CAN'T THINK OF A GOOD EXCUSE?
?
It's "Eighth Tale"

Ahem...
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHETHER IT'S THE "FIFTH TILE" OR THE "EIGHTH TILE." WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT EXAM QUESTIONS HERE
MISS ZHONG WAS LATE TO WORK THEREFORE BY COMPANY RULES, FIFTY DOLLARS WILL BE DOCKED FROM HER PAYCHECK
...
BUT DIRECTOR LAN, TODAY'S HER FIRST DAY! SHE WAS PROBABLY LATE BECAUSE SHE COULDN'T FIND THE BUILDING
I'M SURE IT WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN.
ACTUALLY, I DID COME LATE. AND A WHILE AGO DIRECTOR LAN DID INDEED SAY THE WRONG THING...
THANK YOU FOR SPEAKING UP FOR ME, BUT I THINK IT'S MORE IMPORTANT THAT PEOPLE ADMIT TO THEIR MISTAKES
...incompetent brat!

I wonder when the next chapter will come out
WHY NOT JOIN TRANSCENDENCE?! WE ARE IN NEED OF TRANSLATORS, PROOFREADERS, CLEANERS, TYPESETTERS AND QUALITY CHEKCERS!
STAFF
ALL WE NEED TO DO IS JOIN RIGHT?
For the next chapter!

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